

## 2017 Term 4 Calendar

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
8	4	5 Production. Final Rehearsal & Performance	6 Year 6 Masterchef	7	8	9	10
4	11	12 Christmas Pantomime Kavanagh	13	14 Final Assembly 9.15am  Leavers' Lunch	15 End of Year Mass 11am	Start of School Year 2018 Tuesday January 30th	



Forty seven children from St Bernadette's and St Brigid's received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday afternoon at St Patrick's Basilica. The Mass was concelebrated by Father Gerard, Father Sani and Father Merv. Following the Mass, the families gathered in the parish centre for further celebrations of this special day. Saira, Kairangi, Luke, Ella, Lucy and Kristal-Lee are shown here enjoying the occasion. Thanks to all who made this day possible.

Once the production is concluded the focus centres on the last couple of weeks of the school year. The school will recognise those students who are leaving the school for the next part of their learning journey, but it is equally important to give thanks for 2017 and the opportunities and milestones for all of our students. On Thursday the 14th, the Home & School Association will organise a **Leaver's Lunch**. On this day the hall will be transformed into a restaurant and the leavers will enjoy a beautiful Christmas meal to enjoy in the company of the school staff and their classmates.

The **final Prayer Assembly** will be prepared by the Year 4 and 5 children from Room 3 and will recognise the important part that each child leaving the school is given special acknowledgement for their contribution to St Bernadette's School.

At the **end of year mass**, scheduled for Friday the 15th of December at 11am, we will say farewell to the Year 6 leavers, but it is predominantly an opportunity for the whole school community to gather and give thanks for the year and look forward to times to come. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Basilica.

# Friday Newsletter



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## THE MARVELLOUS MYSTERY MUSIC TOUR

St Bernadette's School Production

Tuesday December 5th 6.30pm

- The children have worked incredibly hard on this show and they are very proud of their achievements.
- Tickets will be sent home with the children on Monday, unless collected during the day at the school office, which could be a good idea.
- Admittance by ticket only.
- We are very close to a full house, but we are pleased to advise that all extra tickets requested will be available. Tickets will also be sent home or can be collected on Monday. Please pay for these by Tuesday, if you haven't already.
- Final Rehearsal, 10am, Tuesday 5th. Tickets ordered for this practice will also be sent home on Monday with the children, or can be picked up from the office.
- Each class teacher will send home reminder information on Monday regarding clothes for the rehearsal and the performance.
- Buses will transport the children to and from the theatre on Tuesday morning. We will be leaving for the Mayfair Theatre (Cargill's Corner, South Dunedin) at 9.30am, returning to school by lunchtime.
- For the evening performance, the doors will be open at 6pm. Parking can be tricky, but a five minute walk might make things easier. We would like the children there by 6.15.
- Please present your tickets at the door. Children are to enter the theatre, through the front entrance. At the rehearsal, the children will be told where to meet up with their teachers when they arrive in the evening.
- If you have any other questions please contact the office on Monday.

## School Disco

Today Friday Dec 1st

Juniors 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Seniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm

A Christmas Theme

\$2 entry

No food this year.

Dec 1st  
Term 4  
Week 7  
2017

## New appointment made

Today we would like to extend a special welcome to Siobhan Burke who has been appointed to a permanent tagged position at St Bernadette's commencing at the start of next term. She is currently on Maternity leave from St Joseph's Oamaru. The board was thrilled with the calibre of the applicants for the position and delighted that Siobhan has accepted the position at St Bernadette's. Siobhan is married to Tim and they have two children. Rose is five and Molly is one. Rose will transfer to St Bernadette's at the start of next year. Siobhan and Rose visited St Bernadette's today to meet the staff and the children.



Every child who has participated in after school sports this term would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to their coaches, as well as all the helpers, supporters, transporters and parents who have made their sporting activities so enjoyable and rewarding this term. The school is very grateful for the support that parents give to ensure that the children are able to participate in these activities.



Every Tuesday lunch time this year the St Bernadette’s Gym Club held a practice in the school hall. Mrs Broad coaches the children helped by Mrs Christophers and Mrs Vallely and a group of senior gymnasts from the school. In the back row are, Elise, Aria, Laura, Nina and Luciana. Mrs Broad is seated with Sasha, Arna, Cassie, Monique, Charlotte, Lulu and Anika. In the from row are Zoe, Melissa, Evie, Anahera, Sophie. Maria won the junior gymnast of the year.



**Year 6 Leavers’ Programme.** Thank you Sam and the team at Unipol Gymnasium for looking after us on Wednesday afternoon. For two hours the class had sole use of the blue gym and were able to participate in a range of activities, including football, basketball, netball, badminton, volleyball and gymnastics. It was a wonderful experience and we are very grateful to Unipol for allowing us this opportunity.



**Silence in the midst of the Christmas rush**

“To listen is to welcome the other [and The Other] into one’s heart”. Cardinal Robert Sarah, in his book entitled, The Power of Silence, proposes that “The greatest mysteries of the world are born and unfold in silence.” As Advent season begins, we seek to be open to the greatest of mysteries; that God is born as a little child, taking flesh and becoming one of us. Unfortunately, the very time of the year we seek to ponder this mystery tends to be one of rushing around, and the busier it gets the more difficult it can be to find moments of stillness and silence. I know, too, that even when I do find moments of external silence I am then faced with inner chatter. I think about what I need to be doing, or old hurts will resurface, or I will busy my mind planning things. The practice of meditation can assist us in finding inner silence. Therefore, over Advent and beginning this week there will be a time of quiet prayer in the Basilica each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, starting at 5.30pm. This week, it will be for 15 minutes, next week will be 20 and the third week will be 25 minutes. Maybe these moments of silence will assist us in being more aware of the mystery of the Word (Jesus) dwelling among us.